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SUBJ: YUGOSLAV PRESS REACTION

1. BEGIN TEXT OF TANJUG AREPORT USED THROUGHOUT PRESS  
IN YUGOSLAVIA AUGUST 3:

2. FSFA COMMENTARY ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT:  
AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN HAS INTERFERED IN THE INTERNAL  
AFFAIRS OF SFRY; FSFA HAILS PART OF STATEMENT SAYING  
THAT THE "U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS NOT OPENED ANY  
CAMPAIGN AGAINST SFRY AND THAT IT ACCORDS FULL RESPECT  
TO OUR COUNTRY"

3. IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFICIAL RESPONSE  
BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TO THE PART  
OF PRESIDENT TITO'S INTERVIEW, GIVEN TO TANJUG ON  
THE EVE OF THE FIFTH NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT IN  
COLOMBO, ABOUT THE BEHAVIOR OF U.S. AMBASSADOR  
SILBERMAN, THE TANJUG DIPLOMATIC EDITOR ASKED  
THE FSFA TO COMMENT ON THE STATEMENT BY THE  
STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN.

4. THE TANJUG DIPLOMATIC EDITOR WAS INFORMED THAT  
FSFA WELCOMES THE PART OF THE STATEMENT BY THE  
STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAYING THAT "THE  
U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS NOT OPENED ANY CAMPAIGN  
AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA AND THAT IT ACCORDS FULL RESPECT  
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TOWARD THIS COUNTRY."

5. THE YUGOSLAV SIDE HAS ALWAYS TRIED TO ENSURE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SFRY AND THE USA DEVELOP IN THE BEST POSSIBLE MANNER, ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, IN THE SPIRIT OF THE PRINCIPLES SET DOWN IN THE JOINT STATEMENT BY THREE PRESIDENTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES IN 1971. THE YUGOSLAV SIDE WILL FURTHER CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TOWARD THE COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

6. AS FOR THE PART OF THE STATEMENT BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN DENYING THAT AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN INTERFERED IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF YUGOSLAVIA, THE TANJUG DIPLOMATIC EDITOR WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT THE FACTS EXIST AVAILABLE OF WHICH THE LATEST STATEMENTS BY AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN GIVEN TO THE U.S. PRESS ARE ONLY THE MOST RECENT ILLUSTRATION- THAT THE U.S. AMBASSADOR, IN A SERIES OF APPEARANCES AND STATEMENTS BOTH OUTSIDE YUGOSLAVIA AND WITHIN YUGOSLAVIA, HAS INTERFERED IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OUR COUNTRY. AFTER ALL, THE YUGOSLAV SIDE IS CERTAINLY IN A BETTER POSITION TO ASSESS WHETHER AND HOW SOMEONE HAS INTERFERED IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OUR COUNTRY.

7. AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN, WITH HIS LATEST STATEMENTS HAS ONCE AGAIN OPENED A CAMPAIGN AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA, A CAMPAIGN, WHICH WAS READILY ACCEPTED BY THOSE U.S. CIRCLES WHICH HAVE PERSISTENTLY ADVOCATED A POLICY OF PRESSURE AND INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, AND PARTICULARLY A POLICY OF PRESSURE AGAINST NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY NOW PRIOR TO THE FIFTH SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO, AND WHICH, AS FAR AS YUGOSLAVIA IS CONCERNED, HAVE CONTINUALLY ATTEMPTED TO POISON AND UPSET THE GOOD AND UNCLASSIFIED

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FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S.A. AND THE S.F. R. Y.

8. OF COURSE IT IS NOT (UP) TO THE YUGOSLAV SIDE TO DECIDE WHO WILL AND IN WHAT MANNER REPRESENT AND CARRY OUT THE POLICIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN YUGOSLAVIA. IT IS UP TO EACH GOVERNMENT TO ASSESS WHETHER THE ACTIONS AND CONDUCT OF ITS

REPRESENTATIVES IN BELGRADE SERVE TO FURTHER  
RELATIONS OR TO IMPEDE COOPERATION BETWEEN  
THEIR COUNTRY AND YUGOSLAVIA.  
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